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McCullaghlee

Please to Let Mr. Bray
have what Lumber he may want and
Charge to my acct

Fuson Whipple

Memphis Feb 12 45

Mumfhis May 24th 1849

Mr John L. Sears

Dear Sir

I enclose to you
a ten dollar New Orleans bill, it is Counters
you will please hand it Mr Barnett say
to him I cannot pass it. perhaps he will
not loose it as he was recollect who paid
it to him. Mr Barnett paid it to me
send me ten dollars in the place of it.

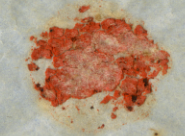
I have been trying all over town 3 or 4
times to get a waggon to send pills tools
several Merchants have promised me
when they see a Coffinill waggon they
will send them to me

I have been looking for a letter from
for a week past I am in hopes you
have made a sale of the negroes to Mr Boston
or to Mr Caley. if you have not sold
try and sell them to some one else
I will send you some handsome presents
when Mr Brog sends his package to you
Yours Very Respectfully
James Sears

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Mr John. Deane
Ocachicama P. O.
Yellow Busha County
Mississippi.

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Weaver Town, Oct 16th 1849

Dearest Parents

I have been thinking I would wait a few weeks and see what luck I would have digging Gold before I would write, but the present opportunity; a gentleman returning to the state of Missouri via Panama ^{being preserved} N.H.C. I thought I would let you know that I was yet alive, and still enjoying good health; as for giving you a description of my trip across the Plains it is something I don't like to think about much less speak of, as for that you will have to wait until you see me at home for this thing of Bread & Meat for Breakfast and Meat & Bread for supper is not at all my Idea, of living a high life, we came through the Mormon or Salt Lake City and were treated very finely by the people, they had Milk butter cheese and all kinds of Vegetables upon reasonable terms, there we stayed about a week where we had a Disolution of our Co some remained and others came on, there was 24 I think came on and 13 Remained, Denton T.S.G. Turner & Jas Doode ~~Tracy~~ & S G Callaway were all that you knew that remained, we are looking for them every day but have not heard from them since we seen them.

those who came on formed small co^s and all who started from there reached here,, J. A. Formwalt J. H. Hall R. Sun. A. J. Hanna Sam & Ed Weatherall W^m M^r Ewen & myself compose a mess, we expect to work and live together as long as we remain here. J. W. & J. A. F. have gone down to Sacramento City to buy our winters provisions,, it is near Sutters Fort some 55 Mls from here, provisions are very low there and extremely so at San Francisco on account of an over supply; Flour at S. F. 8 + 9⁰⁰. S. City 17.⁰⁰ halting to weaver Town from Sacramento City 55 Mls 15⁰⁰ pr 100th, which makes it bear a right pretty price here; one man who came across the plains this Season made 39,000 Dollars in a short time and is now on his way back home, half way there I expect,, the gold is here and so am I, and I intend to stay until I get some of it. but what you would call a small California fortune I think would satisfy me now; better than it would have paid me not to come, when I started, as for setting a time for me to come home is a matter of impossibility, though I may be one of the fortunate and get upon a big pile myself some of these days,, if I do you may look out for me..

I forgot in writing before to mention the death of J. A. Parks he died away back on Platte, at Willow Springs Ins. Martin died at Independence ^{Rocky} Dr. H. A. Callaway and about 12 Mls from Salt Lake D. B. Bramlett we carried his corpse to the City procured a coffin and buried him in the mormon burying ground.

A man can make here from 5 to 8 Dollars per day by labor and perhaps he will make his employer 50 Dollars and perhaps nothing, so you see it is a very uncertain business, and almost impossible to hire any one, and you have to find a man out of money & provisions to work at these prices.

I look for a letter by M^r. F + W when they return from the city but I am afraid I will not get it they say the P.M. is very careless at San Francisco but I do hope we will some of us get some news. I would be willing to give my days work on to morrow for a late no of the Buena Vista Bugle or Southern Tribune, I would be glad if you would have me one forwarded regularly every number, it is growing late and I can not write any more now but the next time I write I will take all day Sunday, and will give a full history I want you to tell all of my relations particularly and others too, J. Moore & M. S. Boyd. they must be sure and write often, I would be willing to work all day every day and walk 3 Mls after night if I only could hear something new from home; I did not get my trunk here but I got all of my daguerreotypes here and I assure you I am glad to look at them, it makes me think of home; Give my love to all and impress their duty upon them of writing often nothing more but remain your Obedt Son James. H. C.

Mail at N. Orleans



From Uncle Jim Edmondson
to my grand parents
ninety years ago when he
went to Cal. in the
1849 gold rush.

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Signed by Williams

7-20-39

Capt A. J. Edmondson

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